also advised from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measurs as are necessary for the prevention of crimes.

Terrorism in North-Eastern State encouraged by Bangladesh

t 155. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bangladesh is encouraging terrorism and jehadi activities in the North Eastern States of India;

(b) if so, the deatils thereof; and

(c) the details of action plan devised by Government to deal with terrorism in the above region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKASELVI): (a) and (b) Available inputs indicate that some Indian Insurgent Groups (HGs) active in the North Eastern Region, have been using the territory of Bangladesh for shelter, training camps and procurement of arms/ammunition and explosives. Inputs also indicate that Bangladesh territory has been used for launching operations by Pak based terrorists groups. As per reports HUJAI-BD elements have been found/are suspected to be involved in some incidents of terrorism in the hinterland.

(c) The Government has been regularly taking up with Bangladesh various security related matters including misuse of Bangladesh soil for activities inimical to India at different levels through dipolmatic channels and institutional mechanisms existing between the two countries. List of the IIGs camps and their leaders have been shared with Bangladesh authorities. Besides, efforts of the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for ensuring public order and security in their areas are being supplemented by the Central Government through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities with the objective of carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessment; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including construction of border fencing; sharing of intelligence, financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intellignece agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspect of security apparatus and other aspect of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions, etc. The Central Government is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Governments in the region with a view to periodically review the situation and taking further steps as may be necessary on a continuing basis.

Terrorist camps in Karnataka

156. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a thick forest area bordering Dharwad and Uttar Kannada districts of Karnakata was used to train terrorists in fire arms, as per details revealed by the suspects in Dharwad during the course of interrogation;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) According to the report received from the State Government, no such information has been disclosed by any arrested persons.

Religious places of Assam on terrorists' target

fl57. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that religious places in Assam are on the target of terrorists;

(b) if so, whether State Government has also expressed its apprehension in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for the security of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Some inputs indicate that some religious places located in the around Guwahati are on the target of some elements.

(c) Security measure have been beefed up in the religious places, about which inputs are available and general alert has also been issued as regard other religious places located in different parts of Assam. The entire Counter Operations in Assam have been brought under Unified Headquarters structure since 1997. The safety and security of the religious places has been given priority in the Strategy group as well as Operations group deliberations under the Unified Headquarters.

Terrorism in J and K

†l58. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir region have decreased during the last two years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of tourists has increased in the last two years; if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the security of those passengers who come to Kashmir for tourism, whether the security measures of Government have proved effective, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been a decrease in terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years. The details are shown below:—

year	**No. of terrorist incidents**
2006	1667
2007	1092

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